

BLOCK SIGNALS ARE INSTALLED

Frisco Engineer Discusses Improvements Being Made

R. E. Trout of St. Louis, signal engineer of the Frisco system, is in Springfield on company business.

He says the automatic block system from Springfield to Willow Spring will be completed and placed in service from Monett to Niangua, thirty miles east of Springfield. The work is progressing rapidly and the force expect to reach Newburg by the middle of October. By the middle of December the block system will be in operation on the entire Eastern division. The system from Springfield to Kansas City has been in operation since April 1.

The stringing of wires from Thayer to Springfield practically is completed. When the work under construction is completed it will cover about 800 miles of automatic block system costing a bout \$1,000,000.—Springfield Leader.

CURRENT THROUGH NOSE

Joplin, Mo., Aug. 22.—While watering the grass in the yard of his home on South Sergeant Jack Cross, an 11-year-old boy received a severe shock in a peculiar manner. The shock was not strong enough to seriously injure the lad but rendered him unconscious for several moments.

Back of the Cross home there runs a feed wire for the electric lights in that part of town. The insulation has been worn from the wire in several places. Young Cross was throwing the stream of water into the air, when it happened to strike one of the bare places in the wire. The current followed down the stream of water and into the body of the boy who was holding the brass nozzle at the time. The circuit lasted but a fraction of a moment but it was sufficient to knock him to the ground.

A neighbor who happened to see him, realized the cause of his actions, hurrying to his side threw some water in his face and he revived in a moment. It was not thought necessary to call a doctor and the boy has shown no signs of a shock since.

MODERN WOODMEN DAY

Monday, October 3, at the State Fair, at Sedalia, Missouri, will be Modern Woodmen Day. Every Modern Woodman in Missouri is interested in this big day. The Directors have offered large prizes for drill teams and bands, and all sections of the state will be represented in the band contests. It is predicted, that on Modern Woodmen Day, there will be the largest attendance that has ever been on any day at the Fair. The head officials of the Modern Woodmen Order, are behind the movement to make this a great day for the Modern Woodmen of the state.

A Prize List can be secured, by sending to the Secretary, at Sedalia, or to Dr. S. C. A. Ruby, State Deputy Head Consul, Clinton, Missouri.

REFERRED TO DR. COOK

It is taking some time the flood of stories about the discovery of the North Pole to sweep past. Along comes this belated one from old Kentucky:

The owner of a plantation said to a favorite dandy:

"Moss, they've discovered the North Pole."

"Deed!" exclaimed the old negro. "Where at?"—Everybody's Magazine.

FIVE HUNDRED CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Anderson very pleasantly entertained the Five Hundred Club at their home on Fourth Street Tuesday evening. The prize was won by A. B. Knapp.

A NICE OLD GENTLEMAN

By LAWRENCE ALFRED CLAY

A boy was driving a nice old gentleman over to Meeksville from the railroad at Larkins. The nice old gentleman was about 65 years old, with ruddy cheeks and jolly manner. The boy belonged to the livery stable at Larkins, and he was a talkative boy. Therefore the two got on well together from the start.

The nice old gentleman said that he might have a brother or sister or aunt or uncle, or some other sort of relation at Meeksville, and it had occurred to him to go over there for a week and settle the point. Where was he from? Oh, call it Japan. Did he think of buying any land? Not unless offered at a great bargain. Had he heard that Mrs. Gladys, postmistress at Meeksville for years, was dead, and that her daughter Nanny had been appointed in her place? Bless you no!

"Well, it's so," said the boy, rather proud that he had secured the interest of the nice old gentleman. "You don't say," exclaimed the old gentleman.

"Yep, but Nanny don't like Jim. Her bean is named Tom Henderson. Works in the grist mill. There may be a fight 'tween Jim and Tom; if there is it will be an awful one."

"Dear, dear me!"

"The squire lost a letter with \$5 in it in the mail, and he holds a mortgage of \$350 on Nanny's



house and lot—the one her mother owned—and so if she don't marry Jim there's going to be a row. Oh, we have things happen around here."

"Yes, I see."

"And that's Jim Hopkins coming now in his buggy. Let me turn out of the road."

"But why?"

"Because Jim would just as lief take a wheel off as not. He says he owns the roads around here."

The stranger took the lines from the boy and stopped the horse in the middle of the road. Jim Hopkins came up at a fast clip, but seeing a stranger in the other vehicle came to a stop and called out:

"You, there! Get out of the way! You are obstructing a public road."

"There's room to drive around me," replied the nice old gentleman.

"But I won't do it! You boy there—drive your rig to one side or I'll have you in jail! You want to remember that my father is a justice of the peace. Get a move on!"

The nice old gentleman and the boy remained inactive. Jim swore and blustered and threatened, and finally turned around and made for Meeksville at a fast pace. He reached the village half an hour ahead of the others, and the nice old gentleman had hardly registered at the tavern when he was served with a warrant for unlawful obstruction and taken before Squire Hopkins. The great village magnate had his son as the only witness and fined the defendant five dollars.

"Thanks!" said the nice old gentleman as he paid and withdrew.

That afternoon as he sauntered into the postoffice he found Jim Hopkins there. He was talking to the little postmistress behind the boxes. The talk ceased as the nice old gentleman drew nearer to ask for mail, and with a leer on his face Jim asked him how he felt

about then. An hour later the stranger appeared at the grist mill. No, he had no wheat to sell and didn't want to buy any flour. He was just looking around. He talked with Tom Henderson and grew friendly.

The loungers at the tavern couldn't make out the stranger. He hadn't much to say, but he was a good listener. What the boy had told him, he heard repeated again, with more particulars. Jim Hopkins wanted to marry the little postmistress, as much to spite Tom Henderson as anything else, and his father was backing him up. The squire had a mortgage and it was overdue. He had lost a letter in the mails, and enclosed was a \$5 bill. Curious about that letter! Mailed right there in Meeksville and never got to Cincinnati, only 30 miles away. The squire had already filed a complaint at Washington. Tom Henderson was a good boy, but Jim Hopkins had the inside track.

Next day the nice old gentleman just wandered about the village. He happened to meet a number of the villagers and made them talk. They talked about Squire Hopkins and his son and Tom Henderson and the postmistress and that missing \$5 bill. Some of them said it was a shame that the squire had inflicted a fine, but the victim laughed at that. He said he was a man who bore no grudge. An hour after supper he appeared at the postoffice and saw the evening mail distributed and passed out. Then he coolly walked through into the living room, and when Miss Nanny looked at him in surprise he sent her ten-year-old sister into the postoffice part and began a conversation that lasted the best part of an hour. The girl was awed but not afraid of him. Just as the nice old gentleman was about to take his departure, Jim Hopkins opened the door without first knocking, and strode into the room. After a look at both occupants he said to the girl:

"Well, Nanny, the governor says he will give you three days in which to make up your mind. Been telling old grandpa here all about it? He don't count."

"Old grandpa" sat down again and began talking about the postal business, and after ten minutes Jim left. The next day Squire Hopkins received a call from the late defendant. He was surprised, but he had his pomposity with him. He had it with him until the nice old gentleman showed him the missing letter complained about. It had reached the Cincinnati firm all right, but there was their affidavit that it had contained no money. In demanding the whole highway Jim had sworn many oaths. That was against the state law. He had made threats. There was a law for that. In taking the mortgage on the widow's place the squire had exacted seven per cent interest. There was a law for that. The magnate had made a false charge as to the missing letter, and he was using threats to coerce the little postmistress into a detested marriage. There were laws covering those things. Squire Hopkins blustered and bluffed and then wilted. That evening Jim Hopkins didn't call on Nanny Gladys, but Tom Henderson did. He found her in tears, and it was several minutes before she could explain:

"Why, Tom, the squire is going to give back the mortgage, and I'm not to marry Jim, and that missing letter has been found, but the nice old gentleman must expect I'm going to marry him!"

"How do you know?"

"Be-cause he said I must be at the tavern at ten o'clock tomorrow forenoon to be married. He's nice—and nice—and nice—but—"

"And he said I must be there, too."

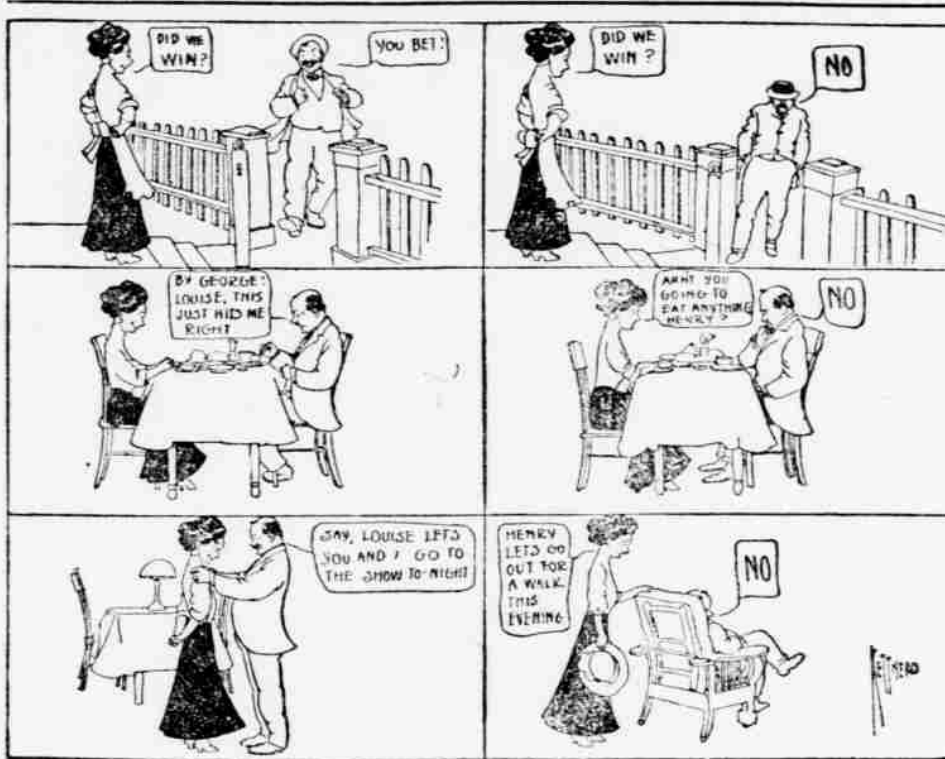
For half an hour they sat holding hands and sighing and saying never a word. Then Tom went away a wretched young man. The next forenoon they walked over to the tavern like a couple going to execution.

"Come right up to the parlor," said the nice old gentleman, as he met them at the door. "Minister is here, and it won't take five minutes. Hats off. Tom, here is the ring. Right over here, please. Now, then, reverend, go ahead and tie a hard and fast knot."

"But I thought—thought—" said the little postmistress after she had been made Mrs. Tom Henderson.

"Oh, no," replied the nice old gentleman. "I'm just a postoffice inspector and a nice old gentleman. Bless you, my children, bless you!"

WHEN THE HOME TEAM WINS AND WHEN IT LOSES



COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

Assessment of J. A. Vanzandt ordered reduced on sw $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec 4 and ne $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec 4 and e $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec 4 and 5a in se corner of sec 4 of ne $\frac{1}{4}$ in 26 and 27, 28, 29.

Duplicate warrant was issued to J. M. Gurley for \$27; the other warrant having been destroyed.

Petition filed calling for an election, to restrain swine, sheep and goats from running at large. Election ordered at general election in White and Roaring River town ship.

Road pet., of R. B. Bassett, I. H. Williams for new road; survey ordered.

Relief certificate ordered issued to R. W. Shemwell from road work, in Dist. 14.

The following road overseers made settlements: W. M. McKinney dist 25, and warrant for \$33 ordered issued; J. W. Henderson dist 20, and \$20 allowed him; W. U. Cooper, dist 9 and \$18.28 allowed him; J. M. Gurley, dist. 17, and \$18.20 allowed him; T. H. B. Smith, dist 15 and 140.75 allowed him; T. C. Hudson, dist 22, and \$9.94 allowed; A. P. Hagedorn, dist. 26, and 60.75 allowed; J. E. Couch, dist 6, and \$9.60 allowed; C. E. Wallen dist 12, and 33.25 allowed; V. C. Hall, dist 13, and 52.50 allowed; W. A. Williams dist 14, and 19.70 allowed; J. W. Rickman, dist 24, and 92.50 allowed; G. T. Long, dist 16, and 8.00 allowed; B. Adam Shroetter, dist 32, and 11.50 allowed.

John H. Elmore borrowed 100 from school fund.

Road pet., of W. E. Hewlett and Aaron Black for new road, dismissed.

Road pet., of T. C. Hudson et al for a bridge across Flat Creek; continued to November term.

Sheriff Newman reported sale of school land, nw $\frac{1}{4}$ of sw $\frac{1}{4}$ of 24-26, to W. C. Davenport for 120.

Patent ordered; the sw $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec 4 of 31-23-26 sold to G. W. Venable and sale approved, also the sw $\frac{1}{4}$ of ne $\frac{1}{4}$ and n $\frac{1}{2}$ sec 4 and se $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec 4 and nw $\frac{1}{4}$ of sw $\frac{1}{4}$ in 16-22-26, patent ordered to W. T. Ayers.

The court ordered that J. M. Davidson collector, correct any error in numbers on tax books and add any lands left off.

W. T. Ayres filed school fund bond for \$300, approved.

Cornelius Hutchens, G. E. Apple John Bibb, applied for relief from road work and application refused.

Road pet., of A. J. Turner et al, for new road damages placed as follows, Scotch Land Co., 1.00, A. Young 1.00, E. J. Black 1.00 and J. T. Denton, 250 said damages to be paid by petitioners.

Road pet., of A. C. Crouch and E. T. Eagle for new road, road ordered opened.

Road pet., of H. A. Surratt et al, for new road, survey ordered.

Same, Young Vanderpool et al., for new road, road ordered established.

In matter of consolidation of road districts 15 and 16, was continued to January term.

J. M. Davidson, collector, was ordered to collect taxes at the following times and places: Monett, Sept. 15 to 21 inclusive, Purdy, Sept. 22 and 28, Seligman, Oct. 10 and 11, Washburn, Oct. 13, Exeter, Oct. 4, Wheaton, Oct. 12.

Collector ordered to reduce assessment on nw $\frac{1}{4}$ of sw $\frac{1}{4}$, in 32-25-22, belonging to T. C. Zinn and take credit.

Warrants allowed: Mo., Training School for boys, 113.66, M. E. Newman delivering poll books, 56.00, Hawk & Co., mdse co. farm, 39.93, L. G. Brown & Son mdse. co. farm, 1.80, C. L. Talbert work on co. farm, 10.65, E. N. Meador election supplies, 118.95, Monett

Times, notice primary election, 5.00, Buxton & Skinner stationery, 21.00, Carl & Dunbar mdse co. farm, 1.75, Chas. Ray, supplies for co. 40.00, Cliff Burton, meat for co. farm 1.00, W. A. Wilks supplies for co. 1.05, Gast

Sta. Co., supplies for co. 4.25, Redmond Wormington road damage, 28.75, Barney Mulrenin same, 28.75, J. D. Holmes same 28.75, Bert Robbins, part payment on Shoal Creek bridge, 750, J. Lee making ballot boxes, 3.60, Houston Carpenter Grain Co., coal for dist 22, 16.50.

ONCE A STORE HOUSE.

Big settling of fat around the stomach in ancient times was a great storehouse and magazine against famine, for some folk might live on drinking water alone from Christmas till spring shoots sprouted. A camel's hump is buttery fat, and after a camel travels hard and long the hump shrinks down to nothing but skin. Now, what was once a storehouse of food, comfort, a dinner table, a banquet, a consolation inside of man, in those days of scientific economy and providence has become everything but a blessing. Man no longer faces famines jejeously to eat his own self up, as it were. Nor has he time and inclination to sit around and laugh to grow fat to enjoy it against lean times of the year. What was once an unspeakable comfort and economy has grown to be an embarrassment of motion, to say the least. Railroads and ships are mostly the cause of all this overeating trouble.

HERO AVERTS DISASTER.

The prompt bravery of a fireman on the Swiss Federal railway system averted a terrible disaster. The fireman in question was working on the engine of a passenger train one day recently and had just thrown a shovelful of coal into the furnace, when he saw in the midst of it a dynamite cartridge. Without a moment's hesitation he thrust his hand into the fire box, and, though terribly burned, succeeded in pulling out the cartridge before an explosion could occur. The railway directors have awarded him a large sum of money for his heroism.

USUALLY.

"This is a bum restaurant."

"Sh! This isn't a restaurant. It's a famous chophouse."

"Huh! Why 'chophouse'?"

"Why—er—because you have to have a hatchet to carve your steak."

Served as coffee, the new coffee substitute known to grocers everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee, will trick even a coffee expert. Not a grain of real coffee in it either. Pure healthful toasted grains, malt, nuts, etc., have been so cleverly blended as to give a wonderfully satisfying coffee taste and flavor. And it is "made in a minute," too. No tedious 20 to 30 minutes boiling. Sold by John Walsh.

Factory Shipments direct to us enables us to make the lowest prices ever on hammocks; \$1.75 up. 69 tf DAVIS & CHAPPELL, HDW. CO.

TEN YEARS AGO

From the MONETT WEEKLY TIMES August 23, 1910.

Monett councilmen discovered a subterranean lake in an opening from the curb of the city well. It contained a body of water eight feet wide and of an average depth of about five feet except under a ledge or projection where no bottom could be reached with a twelve foot pole. The level of the water was found to be two feet below the bottom of the well.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Mable Blunk, of Granby to Mr. Claude Huff of Monett.

J. W. DeWitt has decided to move to Cass county.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fly, of Purdy, were shopping in Monett last evening.

Frank Mermond and family have returned from their outing at Sulphur Springs, Ark.

Prof. Daugherty has moved to the city and will occupy the Badger property on Fourth Street.

W. R. Breece will move into his property in Grandview Place. He has leased his Third street place to Mrs. Clover.

PREFERS ROCKS OF OZARKS TO WESTERN KANSAS LANDS

Aurora, Mo., Aug. 23.—"I wouldn't give one acre of Stone county's rocks for one thousand acres of Western Kansas. I tell you we don't half appreciate our advantages here in the Ozarks. I'm more glad than ever that I belong here in Lawrence county and that I am home again in Aurora."

So speaks J. R. Woodfill, a director of the United Iron Works, just returned from a several weeks' trip during which he spent considerable time in the western section of Kansas. From Topeka the Woodfills motored home bringing with them Mr. Woodfill's aunt, Mrs. Jane Heron, who though 73 years of age, enjoyed the two-hundred and fifty mile trip.

CHURCH SOCIAL

Mrs. Frank Boehm will entertain the Woman's Union and friends generally, on Thursday evening, after prayer meeting, at her home on 6th street. The hostess will be assisted by Mesdames Salzer, Gibbs, Leitwein, Feist, Elliot, Burris, White, Shelton and Burke. These ladies with the hostess Mrs. Boehm will serve delicious refreshments, and make the evening one of great pleasure to all who are fortunate enough to attend this evening reception.

Mrs. Boehm will move to her residence on 4th street, recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, in the near future, but will be pleased to welcome her friends at her present home once more. Don't forget the time Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

A CALL MEETING

I hereby call a meeting of the temperance workers of Barry County to meet in the Baptist Church in Cassville on Thursday September 1, at 1:30 p. m. for the purpose of completing the County organization and to plan for the prohibition campaign in the State. I want Barry County to be in the front. Every temperance worker is earnestly requested to be present and especially every Vice President is expected to be here to represent his township.

J. F. BRATTIN,

County President.

A book on Rheumatism, by Dr. Shoop, of Racine, Wis., tells some plain truths, and in a plain and practical way. Get this booklet and a free trial treatment of Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic remedy for some disheartened sufferer in your vicinity. Make a grateful and appreciative friend of some one who is discouraged because of the failure of others to help him. Help me to make this test, and I'll certainly help your suffering friend. All Dealers.

Mrs. J. H. Harris, Miss Mary and Master Rush returned Wednesday morning from visit to relatives in Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio.